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# A fork in the road





I am going to tell you a tale of adventure that happened here in Fairy Land. It is a tale of four traveling musicians. And so it began...

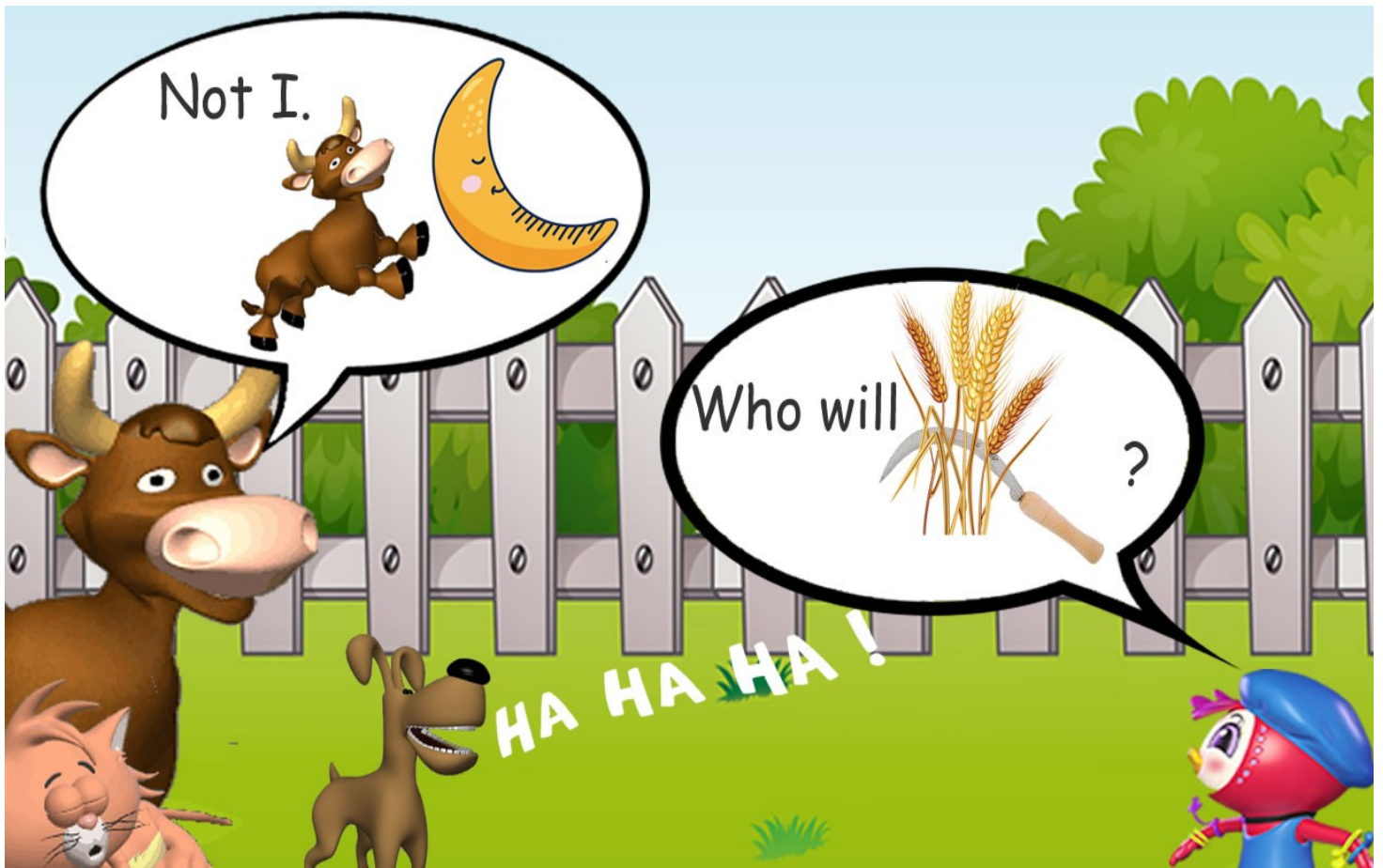


One day, a cat, a cow, a little dog, and a dish and spoon were standing around chatting on the edge of Old MacDonald's farm. The cat was a musician and a fine fiddle player. The cow lived with Old MacDonald and the dog had left home looking for some dog biscuits . His mistress Old Mother Hubbard had none. The dish and the spoon simply ran here and there as they pleased. They were rather free spirited.





The Little Red Hen who lived down the road wanted to make bread. She went to see the animals to ask for help. Baking bread was a large task for such a tiny bird . She said, “I am going to make bread.” The animals licked their lips. The dog's stomach started to growl as he thought of the warm bread.



“Who will help me cut the wheat?”, she asked. The cow replied, “Not I, I am going to jump over the moon.” The little dog laughed. The cat acted like he was asleep. The dish and spoon were no where in sight.



The Little Red Hen left. She was not happy. She walked down the road. The cow jumped over the moon. The Little Red Hen went to cut the wheat.





She cut the wheat and now had to clean it. She went back to see the animals. She hoped they would help her. Do you think they will?



She asked, “Who will help me clean the wheat?” Do you think the cat will help?





The cat woke up and said, “Not I.” and he began to play *Cotton-eyed Joe* on his fiddle. The little dog laughed again. The cow looked up at the moon with a grin on her face. The dish and the spoon were off somewhere.



The Little Red Hen left. She was very disappointed. She went to clean the wheat. The dish and the spoon ran by very fast.



She cleaned the wheat and had a bag full of wheat grain. Now, she had to make flour. She needed to grind the grain to make flour.



She went back to see the animals. She hoped they would help this time. Do you think they will help?





While she was gone, the dish and the spoon had returned. She asked, “Who will help me grind the wheat?” “Not I,” said the little dog. Then, he laughed and laughed. The cat played *Turkey in the Straw* on his fiddle. The cow watched the dish and the spoon dance.





The Little Red Hen left frustrated and very unhappy. She went to grind the wheat.



She used a stone to grind the wheat. She now had flour to make the bread. What will she do? Do you think the animals will help? Will she even go ask for help?



She does go to ask the animals. “Who will help me make the bread?” “Not I,” said the dish. “Not I,” said the spoon. Then they ran away quickly. The cat played *Boil 'Em Cabbage Down* on his fiddle. The little dog laughed. The cow laughed, too. The Little Red Hen had had enough.





The Little Red Hen finally learned her lesson. She would not bother to ask those animals for help again. She went back home to make the bread. A farmer in a wagon drove by. He is singing. Who can that be ? Do you know?

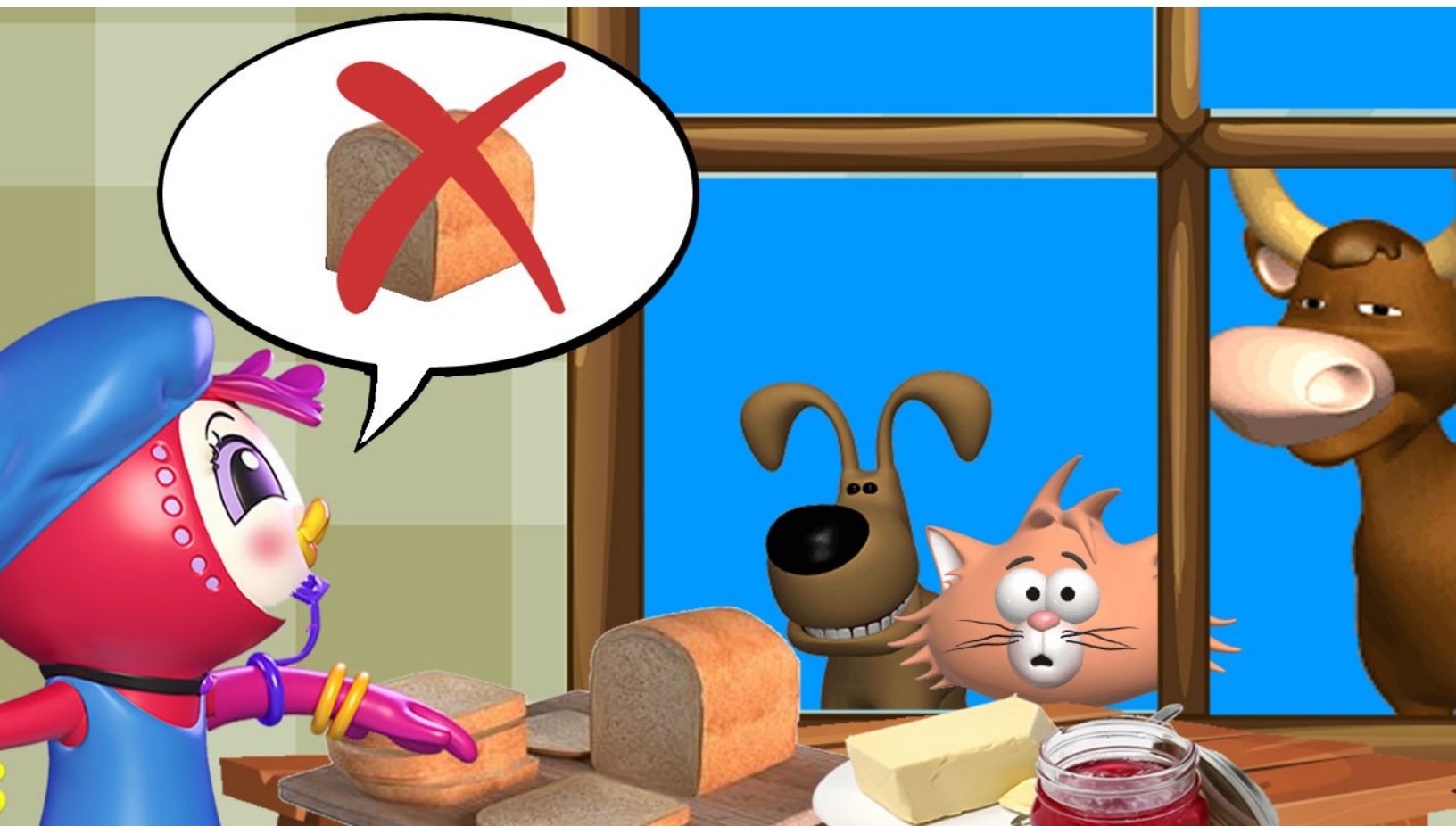


The Little Red Hen made the bread and the animals smelled it baking in the oven. It smelled so good that they ran to her house. They were all hungry and all loved bread. The dog was especially hungry as he had not eaten in two days. The cat played a merry fiddle tune, *Walk Along John*. He was sure he would have some bread.





The three animals peered in the window of the Little Red Hen's house. She had a golden brown loaf of bread and butter and jelly. She asked, "Who will help me eat the bread?" The animals cheered, "We will!"



The Little Red Hen said, “No, I am sorry. You did not help me make this bread. No bread for you.” Maybe next time the animals will help. What do you think?



The animals left, still hungry, and now sad. They came to a road sign. One road goes to Bremen Town. The other road goes back to Old MacDonald's farm.





The cow said, “I’m tired and hungry. I’m going home.” She left and went to Old MacDonald's farm hoping there was hay for her to eat.



Just then a fork ran by. The cat yelled after the fork, “Where are you going in such a hurry?” The fork replied, “I’m on my way to Bremen Town. There is a fair and concert there.” The cat said, “I am a musician and I am going to go to Bremen Town. Maybe I can join the concert.”





He told the dog, “Dog, there are lots of dog biscuits in Bremen Town. Come along with me.” The little dog laughed, “Ha ha ha, what a splendid idea. I hope Bremen Town is not far because I am starving.” So... Off they went down the road to Bremen. The cat played *Arkansas Traveler* on his fiddle as they began their journey. What do you think will happen?



A haunted house





On the way to Bremen Town, they passed a boy named Simon who wanted some pie but had not a penny. Do you think the pieman gave him any?





Soon, the cat and dog met a donkey and rooster. “Where are you going?” asked the dog. “We are going to Bremen Town. We are musicians,” replied the donkey. The cat said, “I am a musician, too.” “Come with us!”, said the rooster. And they all walked on towards Bremen Town.



It was now dark and they were tired and hungry.  
Remember, the cat and dog had gotten no bread .  
The donkey and rooster had been walking all day.





Soon, they came to a small house in the woods. Who lives there, I wonder? Maybe they could get some food and a soft bed for the night.



They looked in the window. In the house was a pirate. It was Captain Hook. Lots of food was on the table. Two big bags of gold were on the floor. On the bags were the words 'Bremen Town Bank'. The cat saw a gold crown. Whose crown could it be?





The donkey said, “That pirate stole the king's crown and he stole gold from the bank in Bremen too.” The cat said, “We must get the gold and crown and return them.” The animals made a plan. They would scare the pirate and he would run away. Then, they could get the gold and the crown and also have a good meal and night's rest. The next day, they would return the money to the bank and the crown to the king.



Their plan unfolded. The rooster began to crow a garbled crow. The dog began to growl. The donkey kicked the side of the house. The cat played soft scary music on the fiddle.



The pirate looked out the window. He saw nothing. It was too dark. He thought, “Are those ghosts?” He was very afraid. What do you think he will do?





The donkey kicked open the door and the wind blew out the candle. The animals were still making noise.



Then, they rushed in and set upon the thief. The rooster pecked him on the head. The dog bit him on the leg. The cat played loud scarier music. Finally, the donkey kicked him out the door.



The pirate ran away yelling, “Help, help, ghosts! This is a haunted house!” He ran faster than a mouse from a cat. He was very scared and would not come back to that house.





The animals ate the food and discussed what they would do tomorrow. It was decided that the donkey, rooster, and dog would bring the gold to Bremen Town. The cat said, “Great, I will bring the crown to the king and then meet you in Bremen Town later.”



The animals slept but the pirate was still running, hoping no ghosts were near. Where do you think he will go?



In the morning, the cat spied a hat, sword, and boots. He put on the hat and boots then waved the sword about. Looking in the mirror, he thought he looked rather handsome and brave.





He looked at the crown. The name “COLE” was on it. He asked the animals, “Who is King Cole and where does he live?” The rooster said, “Oh, that is Old King Cole. He is a merry old soul. He lives in the castle in London.” The donkey added, “He loves fiddle music. He will be very happy to see you.”



The cat took the crown. He had on the hat and boots. He had the sword and his fiddle too. He put the crown and fiddle in a blue bag so they would be easier to carry then headed off to find London.



The other animals put the bags of gold on the donkey's back. The rooster rode on top and the dog ran along side. Off they went to Bremen Town to return the gold. What do you think will happen on the way to Bremen Town and at Old King Cole's castle? Where can Captain Hook be by now?



A troll bridge





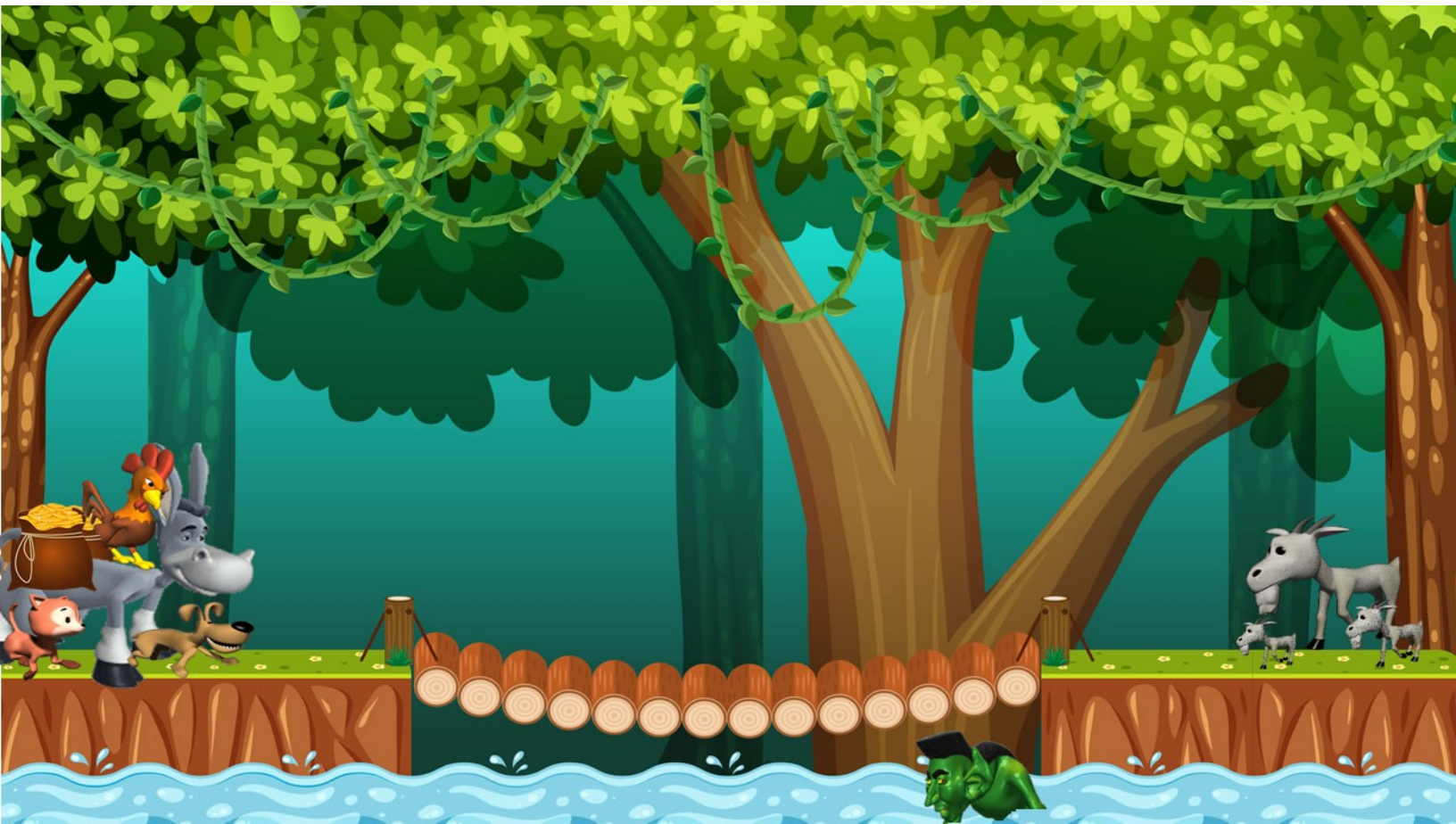
On the way to Bremen Town, the animals met a little mouse. The mouse asked “Where are you going?” Donkey said, “We are going to Bremen Town.” The mouse asked, “Can I come with you? My cousin lives in Bremen Town. He invited me to the fair.” Donkey said, “Yes, please do come with us.”





Soon, the travelers come to a house made of straw and a little pig. He asks the animals, “Where are you going?” Donkey replies, “We are going to Bremen Town.” The little pig says, “Have fun. They are having a fair now. Watch out for the troll under the bridge. Trolls are troublesome. Oh, have you seen any wolves?” Rooster answers, “No, not today.”





The animals came to the troll bridge. Across the bridge were three billy goats. The troll was under the bridge hiding and peering up at the travelers.

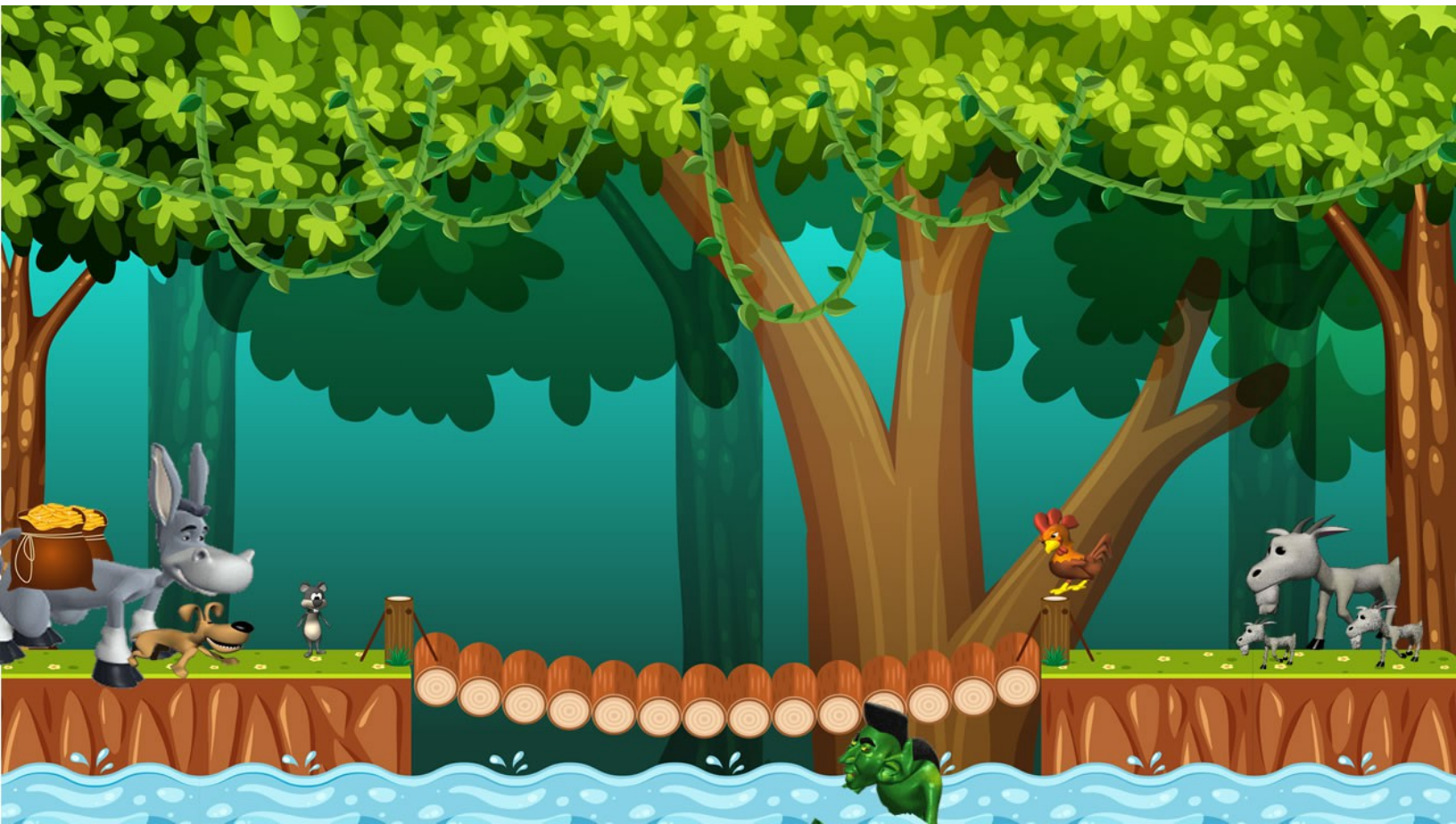


Rooster flies over the bridge to talk to the goats “I see that troll is hiding. Is he friendly?” asked Rooster. The little goat said, “No, he is meaner than a bear that ate a thistle.” The middle-sized goat added, “We tricked him and crossed the bridge, Ha Ha!”. The big goat said, “Here is what we did.” He told Rooster the plan they used.



Rooster flew back to his friends. He said, “That troll is very mean. The goats told me how they tricked him.” Rooster told the other animals the plan. The animals talked it over and made their plan. They would try and trick the troll too.





Rooster flew back to the goats. The troll watched him go by. He was not happy. He really liked rooster meat. The troll wondered what the animals were up to and he was determined not to be tricked again.

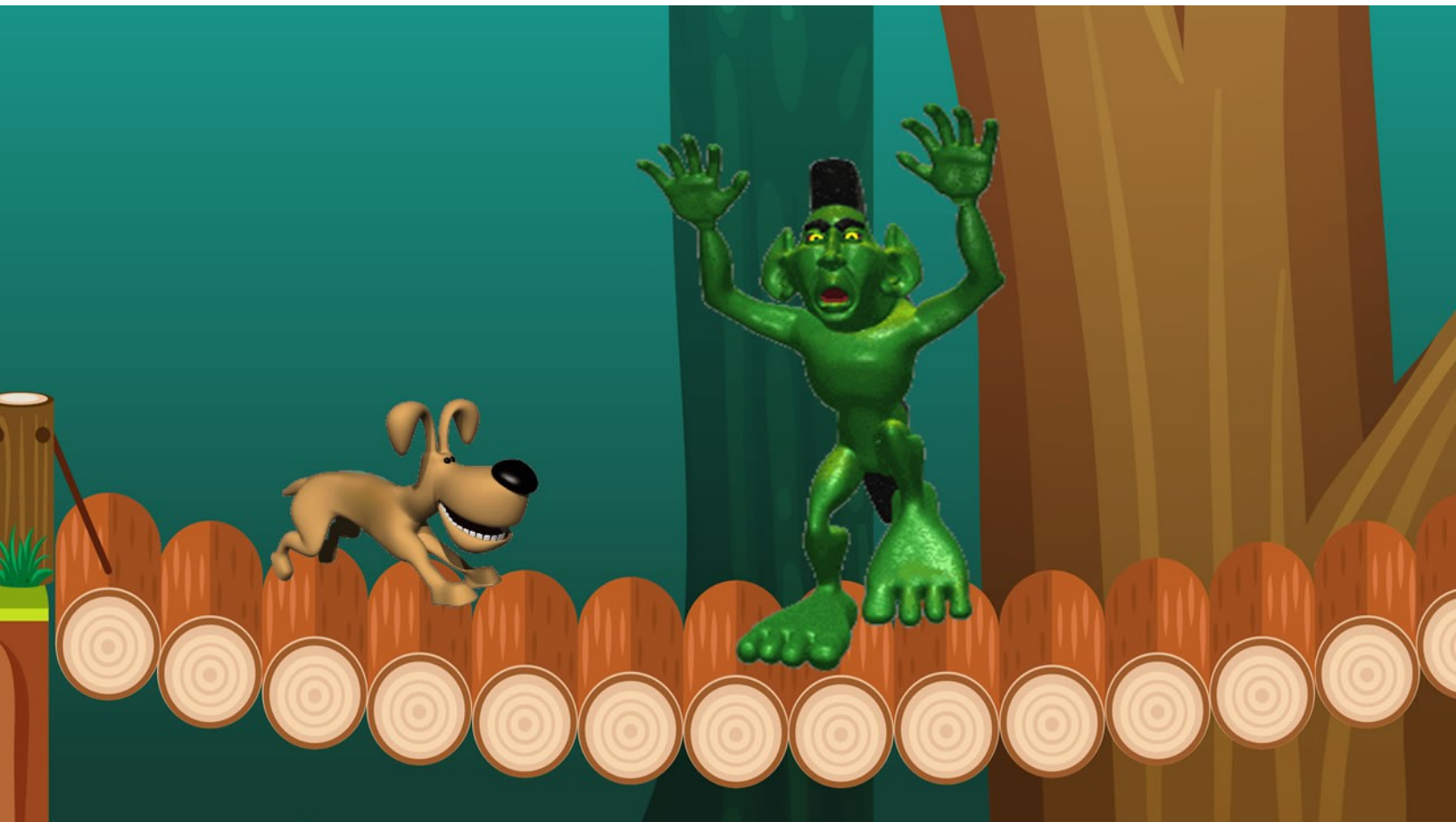


First, Mouse started across the bridge. He was very quiet, *Pit pat, pit pat*. The troll jumped up and yelled, “STOP, who is that pit patting over my bridge?” The little mouse said, “Just me, I am a very nice little mouse.” The troll yelled, “Ha Ha, I am going to eat you. Mice are so tasty.”



The little mouse said, “Oh, don't eat me. I am too small. Wait, Dog is coming. He is bigger than me.” The troll had heard dog meat was better than mouse meat and there was more of it. His brother, Blue Troll, had told him that. The troll said, “OK, you may pass.”





Next, Dog came on the bridge. He was a little louder, *Plip plop, plip plop*. The troll jumped up and yelled, “STOP, who is that plip plopping over my bridge?” Dog said, “Just me, I am a very nice dog.” The troll yelled, “Ha Ha, I am going to eat you. Dogs are so delicious.”



Dog said, “Oh, don't eat me. I am too small. Wait, Donkey is coming. He is bigger than me.” The troll had heard donkey meat was even better than dog meat. His brother, Orange Troll, had told him that. The troll said, “OK, you may pass.”



Finally, Donkey came on the bridge. He was much louder, *Clomp clomp ,clomp clomp*. The troll jumped up and yelled, “STOP, who is that clomp clomping over my bridge?” Donkey said, “It is I, Donkey, I am very big and very strong” The troll yelled, “Ha Ha, I am going to eat you. Donkeys are so scrumptious to eat.”





Donkey said, “Ha! You can't eat me. I am too big and strong for you!” The troll laughed, “You may be big and strong but you have no horns. That big goat had horns. He knocked me off the bridge into the water with them.”



Donkey said, “I have no horns but I have hooves!” He turned and kicked the troll high into the air. The troll flew out of sight.



Donkey kicked the troll so hard he flew over the moon. The cow saw the troll go by and she laughed as did the Man in the Moon.





Donkey crossed the bridge. The four friends thanked the goats for their help and went on to Bremen Town.



As the animals approached a well, They heard a cat crying. She is down in the well and can not get out. What can they do?





They let down the bucket. Cat hopped in and they pulled her up. Donkey asked, "Pussycat who put you in the well" The cat answered, "The Dark Fairy. She tricked me. I followed her and fell in. "

Rooster asked, "Where have you been?" The cat replied "I've been to London to visit the queen." Dog asked, "What did you there?". Cat said, "I caught a spider that sat down beside her."





Cat then asked, “Where are you going?” Donkey said “We are going to Bremen Town. We are musicians.” Cat said, “I want to be a musician. Can I come with you?” Donkey replied, “Yes, of course you can.”



Then, off to Bremen Town and to the fair. What do you think will happen there?

*A king*







The cat is on his way with Old King Cole's crown. He must go over the hill and down into the dale. Then, on to London. The king's castle is very big and he has fiddlers, cooks, a jester, and guards. Of course, the queen lives there too. It begins to rain.



On the hill, the cat sees a boy and girl. The boy has a bucket. Over by a tree is an old man. He has a bump on his head and he is snoring. It is now raining and pouring. The cat is happy he has a big new hat on his head. He really does not like getting wet.



The ground is very wet. The boy, Jack, falls down. His sister, Jill, comes tumbling down after him. They slipped on the wet grass. They fall all the way down the hill. Jack has a bump on his head.





After making sure the children are alright the cat continues up the hill and sings, “Rain, Rain go away. Come again another day.” He hopes his singing will stop the rain. Do you think it will? The hill is long and steep. The cat keeps walking.



The cat reaches the top of the hill and guess what? It stops raining. The sun comes out and he sees road signs ahead.



He comes to the signs in the road. One path goes Bremen ,the other to London. He chooses the right path.





Soon, the cat arrives in London. He goes to the castle and is stopped by two guards. “Who goes there?,” asks one guard. The cat replies, “Just I, a poor cat, I have something for the king.” The other guard asks, “And what might you have?”



The cat replies, “I have the king's crown. I got it from Captain Hook. He stole it.” The first guard exclaims, “Oh, the king will be so happy!” The second one says, “We caught Captain Hook last night. He was very scared and running. He was yelling, 'Ghosts! Ghosts!'” The cat just laughed to himself'.





The cat gave the king his crown. and the king was overjoyed. He said, “Thank you so much! The queen will also be so happy my crown is back. She is visiting her sister in France at the moment. ” The cat said, “You are very welcome.” Then, the king asks, “Where did you find my crown?”





The cat tells the story of Captain Hook in the cabin.  
And how the animals scared him away.



The king laughs, “Ha Ha! Yes, my guards caught him last night. He was running and yelling, 'Ghosts! Ghosts!' He is in the castle dungeon and will stay there.”



The king said, “Cat, you are very brave. You need a very brave name. I will make you a knight. You are now 'Sir Puss in Boots'.” The king touched the cat on each shoulder with a sword. The cat was very happy.





The king called for his fiddlers three. Every fiddler had a fine fiddle. The cat had a fine fiddle too. They played *Old Joe Clark* on their fiddles and the jester danced a jig. What a fun time they had!



At dinner time, the cook brought in a pie. What do you think was in the pie? Four and twenty black birds! The cat loved the black bird pie.



Down in the dungeon, Captain Hook sat. He was still afraid of ghosts but wanted to get out. Then, the Dark Fairy appeared. She came to help him escape. She waved her wand and the castle jail door slowly opened. Out walked Hook.

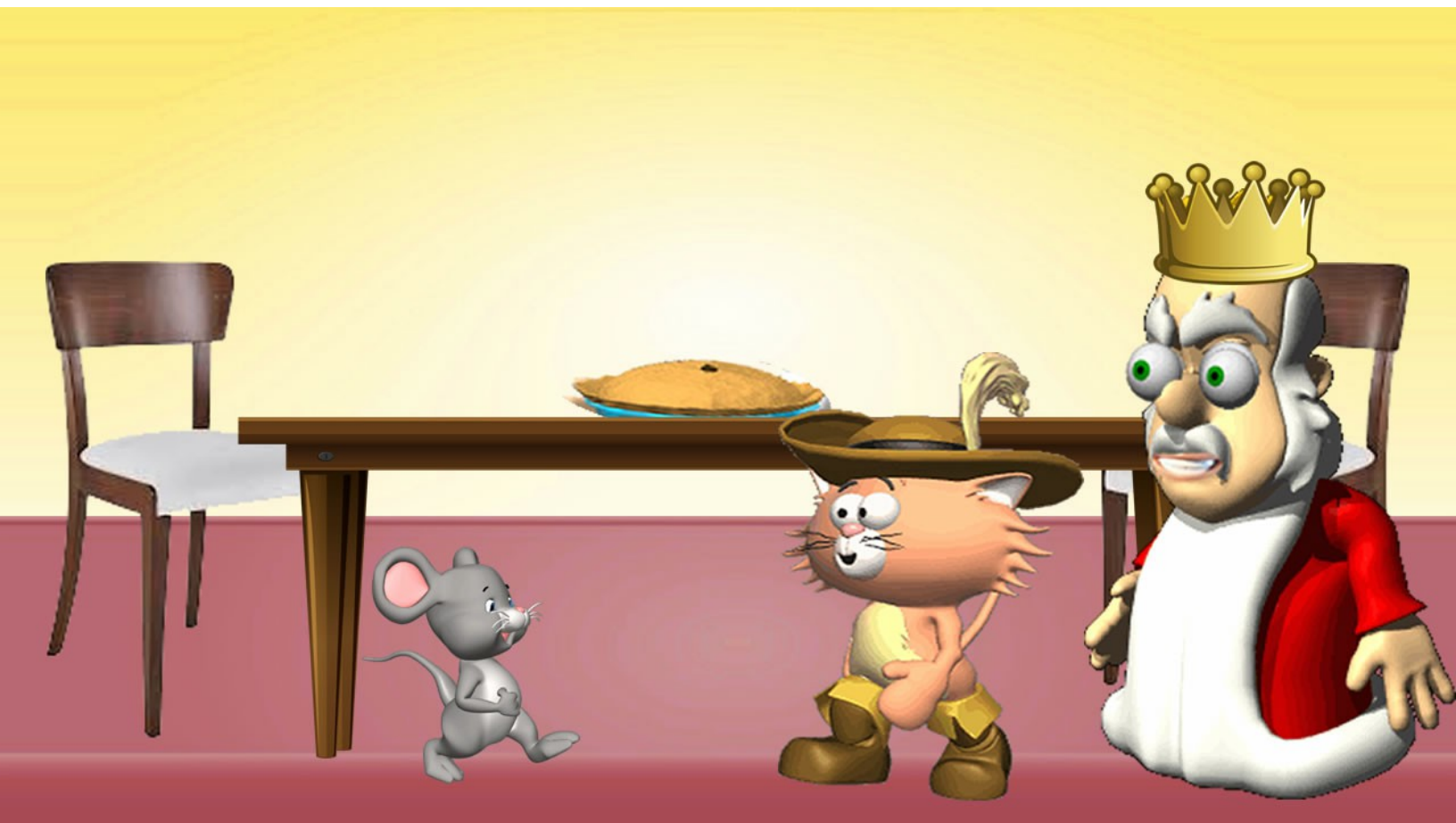




Hook and the Dark Fairy went down the hall. A guard stood in front of the king's gold. He said, "Stop! Who goes there?" Captain Hook said, "It is I, Captain Hook!" The Dark Fairy said, "And I, the Dark Fairy. Leave or I will turn you into a mouse." The guard did not leave his post.



Poof! The Dark Fairy changed him into a mouse. He ran away to tell the king. What do you think will happen to the gold?



The mouse ran in to see the king. The king said, “Sir Puss, get that mouse,” The mouse yelled, “No! Stop! I am the guard of the king's gold. The Dark fairy changed me into a mouse. She is helping Captain Hook escape.”





The king and the cat ran to the room with the gold. It was gone. Hook and the Dark Fairy took it. Where do you think they will go? To Captain Hook's pirate ship? Back to the cabin in the woods?



They run to the dungeon. No Hook! The king calls for Peter Pan, “Help me, Peter Pan.” Peter and Tinkerbell appear in the room. Peter has caught Captain Hook before but Hook always gets away later.

The king says, “Peter, Captain Hook and the Dark Fairy took all my gold. Please catch them and get back the gold.” Peter said, “Yes, We can do that. I will catch Hook and Tinkerbell will get the Dark Fairy.”



Poof! Peter and Tinkerbell are gone. They are going to look for Hook and the Dark Fairy.





Puss and the king walk back to the castle. Puss says, “ I will go look too.” The king tells Puss, “You are very brave. If you find Hook call Peter and Tinkerbell. They can help. Say, 'Help me, Peter Pan' to call them.”



It is night time. Puss goes out of the castle door and into the valley. Do you think he will find Hook and the Dark Fairy? Will he, i. get the gold back?

# A Band of Musicians







The next morning the animals make it to Bremen Town. The townspeople are all looking at them. They are surprised to see five animals walking together. They also are curious about all the gold. Whose gold could it be?



First thing the animals do is go to the bank. The tellers in the bank are curious. Why do animals have all that gold? The bank manager did not tell anyone that Captain Hook had stolen the bank's gold. Donkey asks to speak to the bank manager.





In the manager's office Donkey says, “We have your gold. We got it from Captain Hook.” The manager thanks the animals. He is relieved to get the gold back.

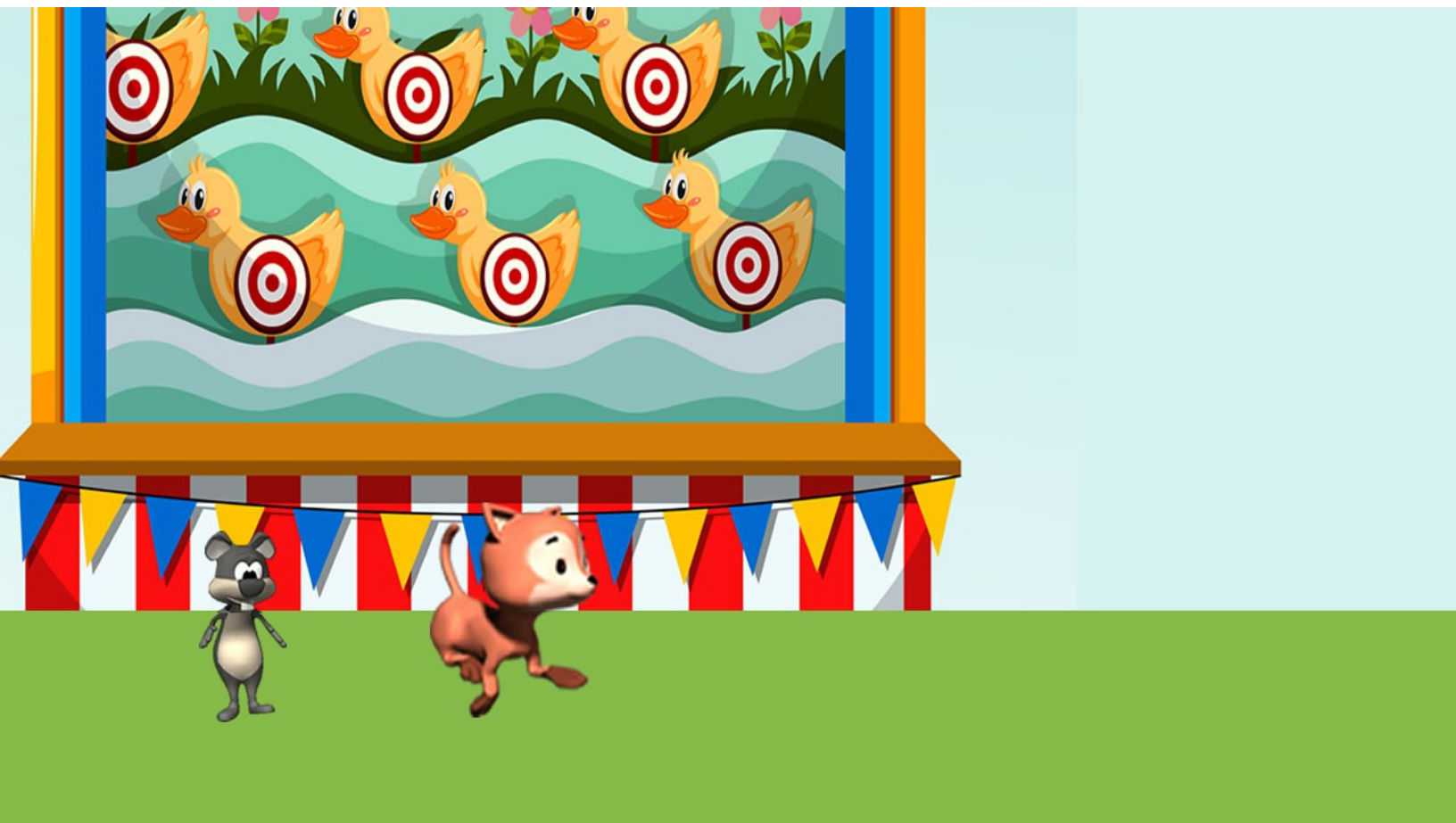




Now it is time for the fair. The mouse is to meet his cousin there. On the way, they see a man selling pies for one penny. A boy named Simon was going to the fair too. Simon asks the pie man, “May I taste your ware?” The pie man says to Simon, “Show me first your penny.” Simon says to the pie man, “Sir, I have not any.” The pie man's reply- “Then you shall have no pie.”



At the fair, the mouse says, “I need to find my cousin. He said to meet him at the shooting gallery.” Cat says, “I will go with you, Mouse, and help you find your cousin.” Donkey says, “We came here to be musicians. We will find the band.” Cat replies, “OK, I will see you later.”



Donkey, Rooster, and Dog leave to find the band. Mouse and Cat go to the shooting gallery but Mouse's cousin is not there. Mouse says, "Oh, my cousin did not say what day to meet him. Maybe I should go to his house. It is near the river, not far from here. It is a blue house" Cat says, "OK, I will go with you."





Cat and Mouse go to the river. Cat says, “There is your cousin's house.” Mouse says, “Oh, thank you. Bye bye!” and he runs to his cousin's house. Cat heads back to the fair to find her friends.



At the fair, Donkey, Rooster, and Dog find the band stage. None of the people in the band are there but a drum set and piano are. Donkey says, “We should play a song for the people at the fair. We are musicians.”



And that is what they do. The donkey kicked the drum, *BOMP, BOMP*. The chicken pecked on the piano, *plink, plink*. The dog began to sing, *roo, roo, roo*. People came when they heard the sound. The song was great and all the people loved it. The animals were fabulous musicians.



# A Pirate and A Fairy





That night, Captain Hook and the Dark Fairy bring Old King Cole's gold to the cabin in the woods. Hook is still afraid of ghosts but the fairy told him she will protect him. She said ghosts are afraid of her. They begin to count the gold and make a plan.



The cat thought that maybe Hook would go back to the cabin. That is the first place he goes to find Hook and the gold. He looks in the window and he was right. There are Hook and the fairy with the gold.





He knows he needs help. He calls Peter Pan by saying, “Peter Pan, I need your help.” Nothing happens. He tries again, “Peter Pan, help me.” Still nothing. He tries a third time, “Help me, Peter Pan.”



Peter and Tinkerbell appear. The cat tells them that Hook and the Dark Fairy are in the cabin. The gold is in there too. The three make a plan. What do you think they will do?



The cat says, “Hook is terrified by ghosts. My friends and I scared him by making noises like ghosts.” Peter says, “That is a good idea. I will jump on the roof. The house will shake like ghosts are around.” The cat says, “I will play my fiddle to make sounds like ghosts.” Tinkerbell says, “I will make ghosts appear in the cabin. They will look like real ghosts.” Peter goes on to the roof and stomps his feet. Hook says, “What is that? Is it ghosts?” The Dark Fairy says, “No, it is only the wind making a tree branch hit the roof.”





The cat begins playing his fiddle. It makes a low sound like ghosts moaning. Hook says, “What is that? Is it ghosts? The Dark Fairy says, “No, it is only the wind making a tree branch move and make a moaning sound.”



Tinkerbell makes three little ghosts appear in the cabin. Hook screams, "Ghosts! AHHHHH!" He starts to run out of the cabin. The Dark Fairy yells, "Stop, those are not real ghosts!"



Outside the cabin, Hook sees the cat. They start to duel with their swords. Hook is very big and strong but the cat is a skilled swordsman. They fight and fight.





Tinkerbell pops into the cabin and meets the Dark Fairy. She says, “You are my sister but you do bad things. I must stop you”. The Dark Fairy laughs, “You can not stop me. I am too powerful.” “I see there is still good inside you. Your shoes are still gold so your heart must be gold.” says Tinkerbell.



The Dark fairy laughs, “Soon my shoes will change too. Just three more evil deeds and my transformation will be complete. HE HE HE!” Before Tinkerbell can use her magic to catch the Dark Fairy, she disappears.



Hook and the cat are still dueling. Peter gets a long vine from a tree. What do you think he will do? What would you do?





Peter flies around Hook and wraps the vine around him. He ties the vine tight. Hook can not move. He yells, “Ghosts, ghosts protect me from the ghosts!” Peter and the cat laugh. The cat has Hook's sword.



Tinkerbell uses her magic and all four plus the gold appear in the king's gold room. The king is there waiting. He says, "Thank you all so much. You got back my gold and caught Hook. He is a very bad pirate and will be put in the castle dungeon. This time a guard will stand by"





Hook is put in the dungeon and the king, Puss in Boots, Peter Pan, and Tinkerbell have a fine dinner. The fiddlers play a merry tune, *Jenny Lind*, and everyone is happy.





Down in the castle dungeon sits Captain Hook. He wants to get out. The Dark Fairy comes and puts the guard to sleep. What do you think will happen?

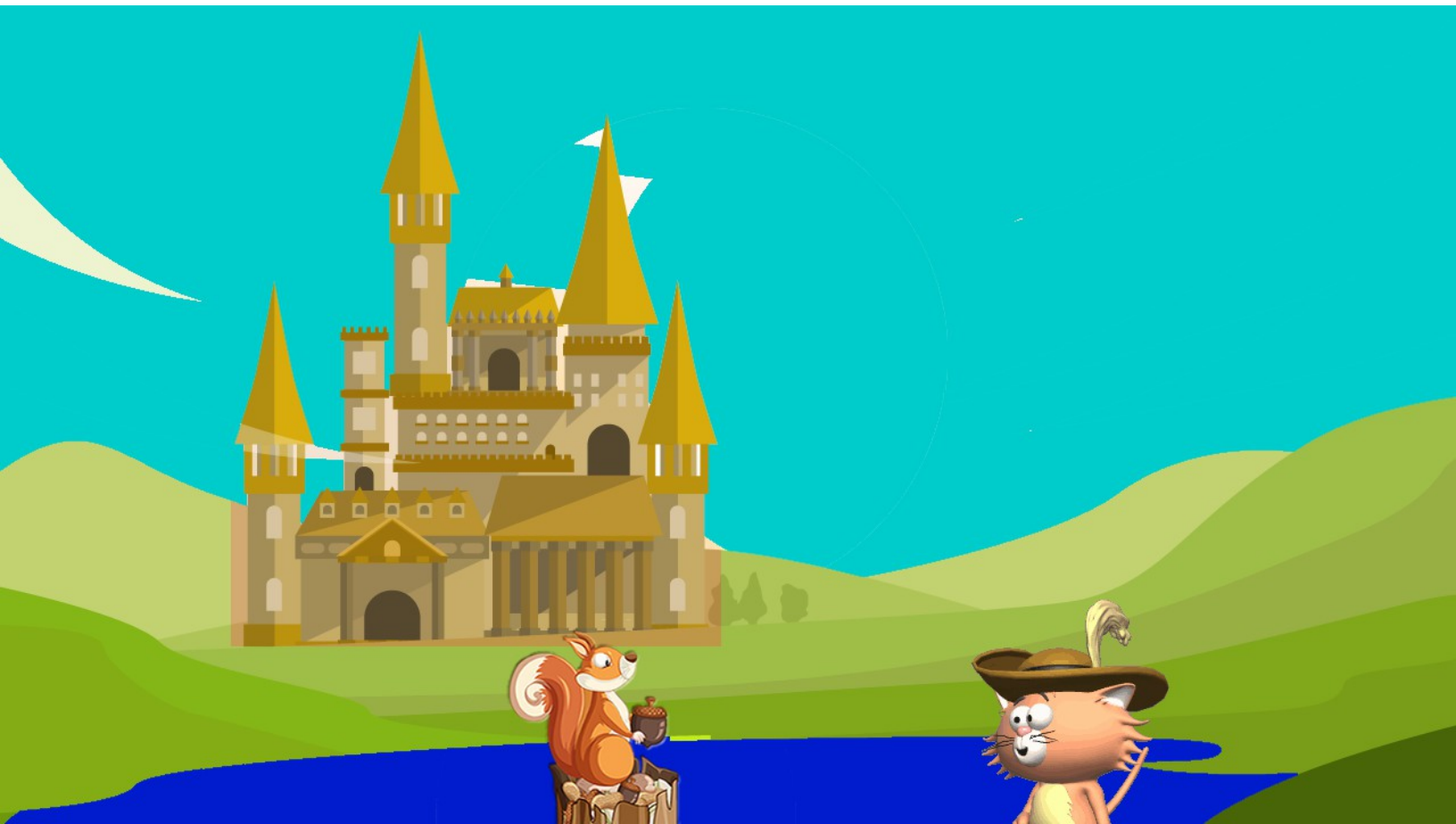


After a good night's sleep, the cat leaves to go to Bremen Town. What will he find on the way there?

# A Wizard, a Wand and a Dancing Troll







On the way to Bremen Town, Puss sees a dark castle up on a hill. He asks a squirrel who lives there . The squirrel tells him, “An evil wizard. He is very mean and all the animals are afraid of him. Once he changed a bear into a stone statue and put it in his garden. The wizard's power is all in his wand.” Puss says he will go visit the wizard.



Puss enters the castle and goes down a dark hall in search of the wizard.



In a large room Puss finds him. The wizard stands before his throne, wand in hand. His long gown and pointed hat are a royal purple splashed with stars. Delicious foods are on a side table. The wizard does not look friendly.





The wizard demands, “Who is so bold as to enter my castle uninvited?”. “It is, I, Puss in Boots. I have heard you are the greatest wizard of all.” replies the cat. “Yes, I am.” agrees the wizard unabashedly . “What have you come for?”



Puss replies, “I came to see if this is true. Please show me some of your sorcery.” The wizard was very flattered and asked, “What would you like to see, Sir Puss”

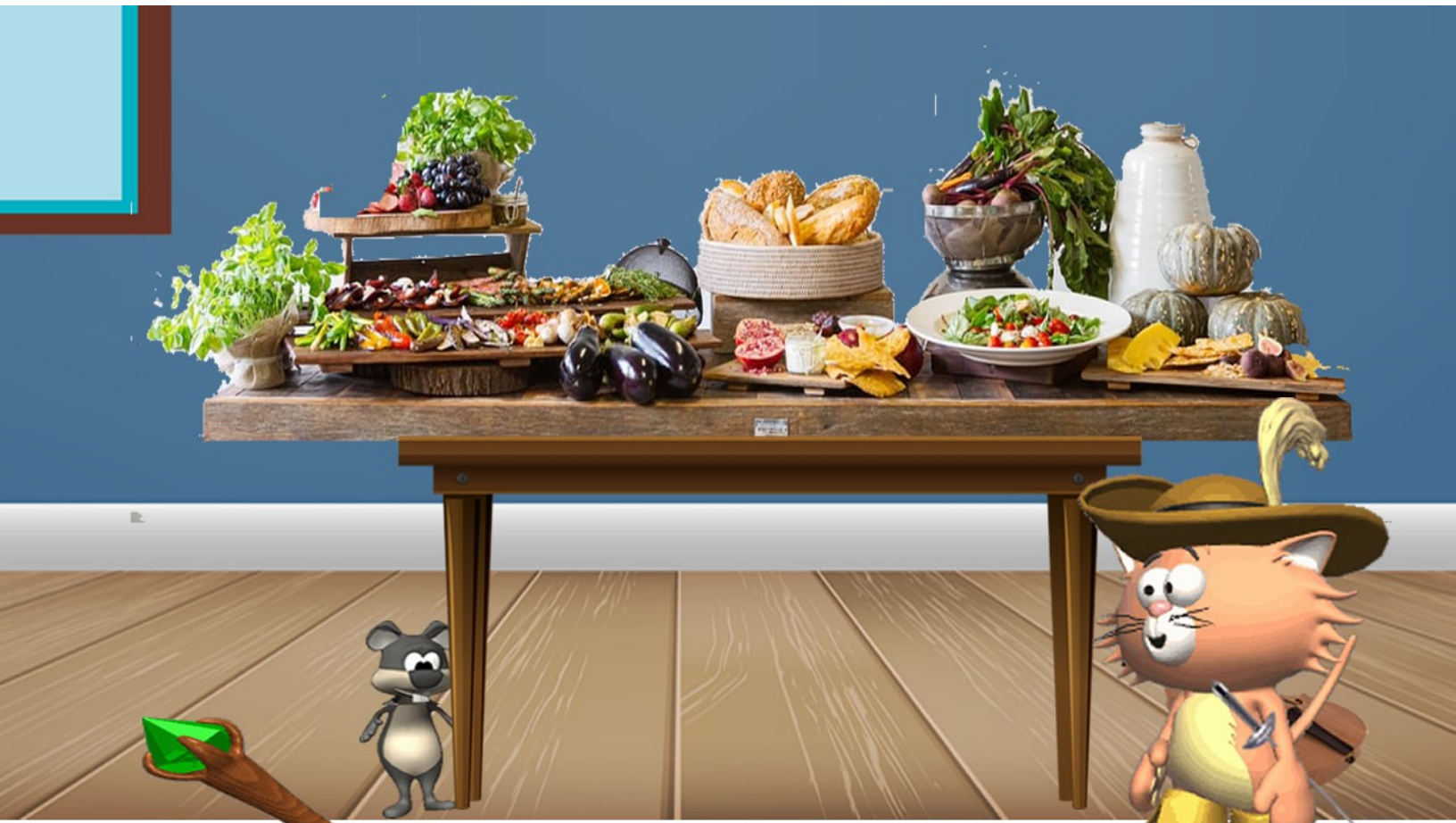


Puss said, “Can you change yourself into a goblin?”  
The wizard said, “Of course.” and with a wave of his  
wand he became a goblin.





“How about a lion?”, asked Puss. “Too easy.” said the wizard and he waved his wand and became a lion.



“Now, how about a mouse?” requested Puss. “Even easier.” bragged the wizard.” He waved his wand and became an mouse.



Now that the wizard was a mouse he could not wave his wand and change back. The wand was too large for a mouse so small. Puss said, “You have been very mean to all the forest animals and it is time for you to live like they do. BOOO!”





And since he was a mouse he was afraid the cat would eat him so he jumped out the window and ran into the forest. He lived there in the bottom of a hollowed out tree for the rest of his life eating seeds, not the fancy foods he once had.



Puss left the wand on the floor as he had no need for magic. He departed, hoping to finally make it to Bremen Town.



Soon, he came to a bridge. It is the troll's bridge. Puss begins to cross. His boots were making the noise, *Click clack, click clack*. The troll, under the bridge, bellows, “Who is that click clacking over my bridge?” “It is I, Puss in Boots.” answers the cat.

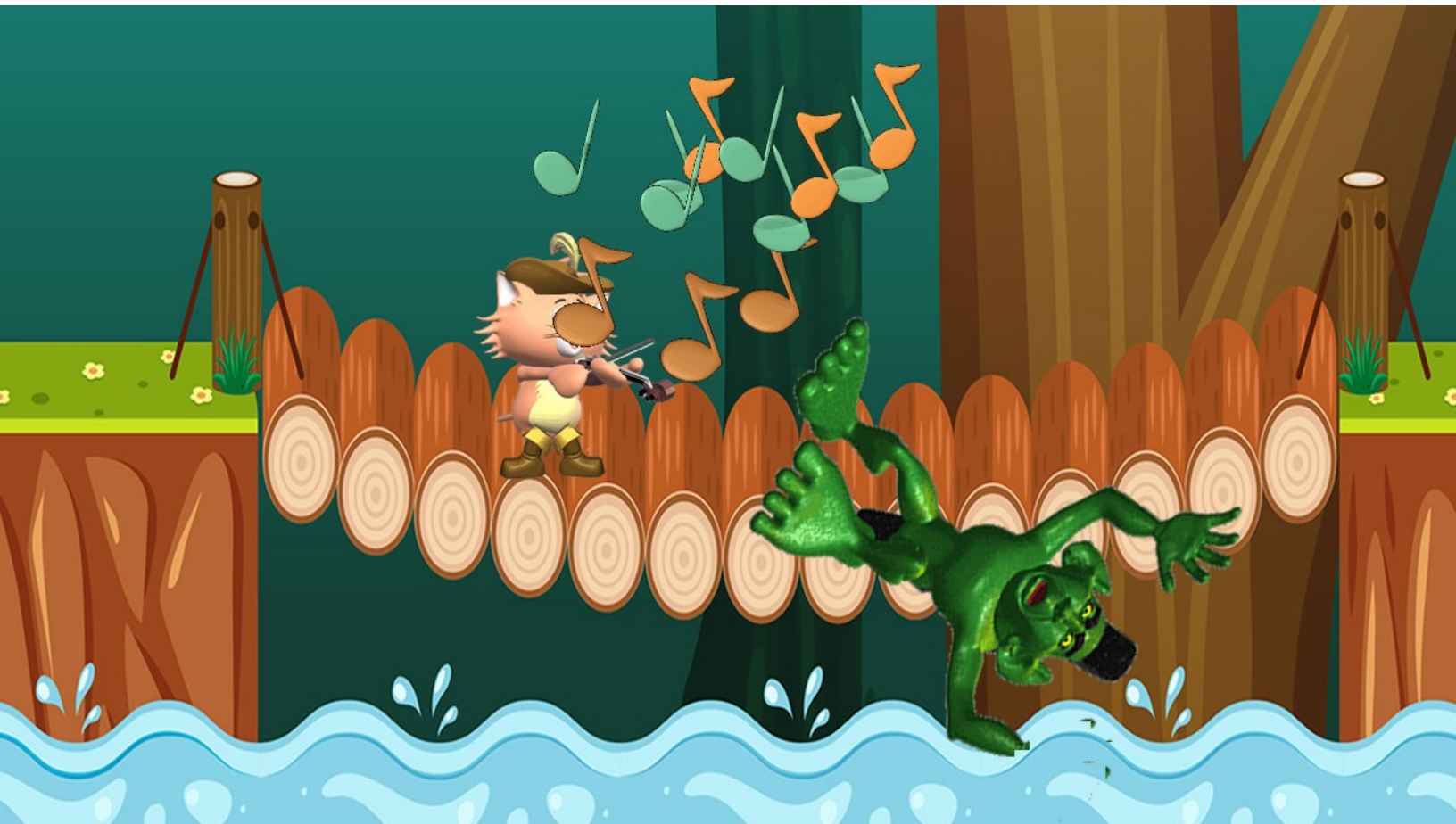




The troll jumps up on the bridge and says, “Well, Puss in Boots, I am going to eat you. You look like a cat except for that silly hat and boots and cats are sweet to eat.”

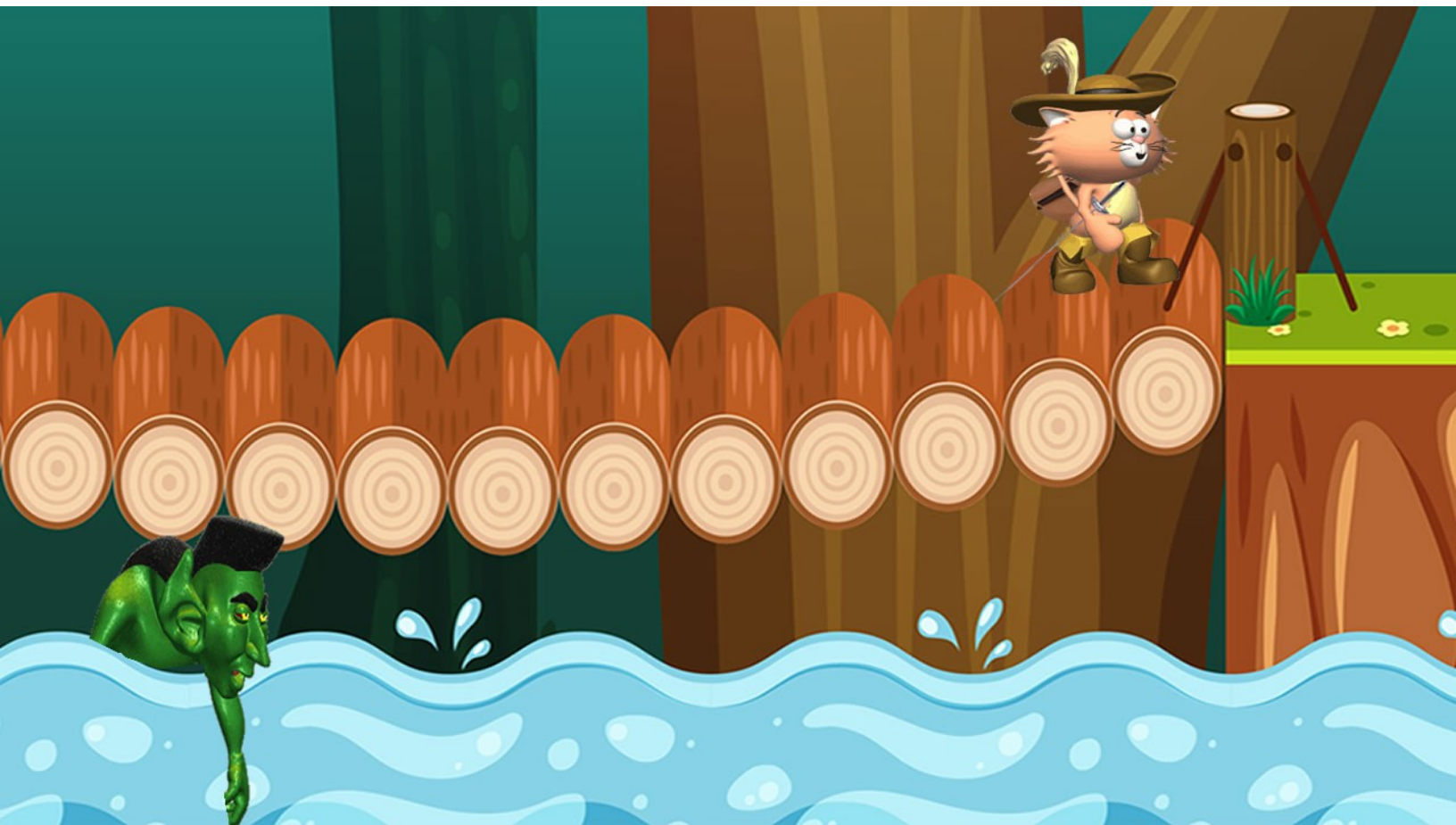


Puss replies, “If you must eat me, let me play you a tune on my fiddle first. I love playing so and I'd like to play once more before I die.” The troll said, “OK, I can wait a few minutes for a treat such as you.” The cat began to play the *Orange Blossom Special*.



The troll began to dance. Trolls love music. As the song became faster and faster, the troll danced faster and faster. Soon the troll was dancing so fast he flew off the bridge into the river.





The cat tipped his hat and crossed the bridge.  
Bremen Town was not far.



Upon reaching Bremen Town he hears a band playing.



He follows the sound and finds his friends playing on the Bremen Town stage. The donkey is kicking the drum *BOMP, BOMP*. The chicken is pecking the piano *plink, plink*. The dog is singing, *roo, roo, roo*. The little orange cat has returned and is singing too, *meow, meow, meow*. A wolf has joined the band and is playing the flute. Who could he be?





Puss jumps up on the stage and joins in. What a wonderful band they are? Click on the cat to hear his fiddle tunes.